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et al. (1997) Nucleic Acids Res. 25, 3389-3402. When utilizing BLAST and Gapped BLAST programs, the default parameters of the respective programs (e.g., XBLAST and NBLAST) are used.--

In the claims:

Claims 49 and 50 are added.

Claims 6, 7 and 9 are amended.